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ery will receive prompt and thorough  
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1911.

Col. Roosevelt says he isn't in poli-  
tics, nevertheless he has been restored  
to his old time place on the first page.

A Colorado woman found a twenty-  
dollar bill in the Bible she was read-  
ing. This may encourage Bible read-  
ing in many homes where dust has  
been permitted to settle on the family  
volumes.

Roosevelt has declined to attend the  
big peace banquet to be held in New  
York Saturday night, at which the  
movement in favor of the Taft arbitra-  
tion treaties will be given further im-  
petus. The ex-president is not in ac-  
cord with the Taft proposals. But  
despite his opposition the campaign  
for universal peace by means of arbi-  
tration of all questions, even those of  
"national honor," which Roosevelt  
would exclude from arbitration, will  
proceed. It is too great a movement  
for even the Colonel to stop.

## A MUCH NEEDED LAW.

A private trial is proposed at Boston  
for the Rev. Clarence R. Johnson, charged  
with the murder of a young woman.  
His attorneys have filed a petition  
for the incoming Massachusetts  
legislature to enact a statute which  
would cause the exclusion from the  
court room of all persons not con-  
nected with any case which involved the  
decency and morals of the community.  
This would exclude newspaper men  
and would be the means of depriving  
the public of much information of a  
salacious nature in stories of such tri-  
als. It is a move in the right direction,  
and eventually we believe every state  
will have such a law. Until then, the  
newspapers will continue to report all  
public trials, although it is to the cred-  
it of many newspapers that they purge  
accounts of trials of all offensi-  
ve evidence.

## POOR OLD GEN. REYES.

Poor old General Reyes, shorn of his  
popularity, prestige and money, a  
prisoner in the hands of his most bit-  
ter enemies, is indeed a pitiful figure.  
But his surrender solves the most per-  
plexing problem Mexico faced in the  
reconstruction of Mexican affairs fol-  
lowing the revolution which ended in  
the downfall of Diaz, a task difficult  
and complex enough without another  
revolution to further demoralize gov-  
ernment and agitate the people.

Fortunate for Mexico is Reyes' surren-  
der. It will strengthen Madero's pow-  
er by increasing the people's confi-  
dence in him, and the small revolts  
throughout the country will be speed-  
ily crushed. The people, apparently,  
have had enough of war. As for  
Reyes he probably will be given a few  
years in prison for his indiscretion,  
and as he is an old man now it isn't  
likely he will give the government any  
more trouble if he survives his sen-  
tence.

## THE NEW CHINA.

Whether China becomes a republic  
or remains a monarchy the Manchu  
dynasty is doomed, that's certain,  
judging from recent developments in  
the Flowery Kingdom. A Chinaman  
will be chosen president or regent as  
the case may be. The present outlook  
is that the Revolutionaries will gain  
their long sought aim, that of estab-  
lishing a republic. They are present-  
ing a stronger front than ever, now  
that their principal leaders are in har-  
mony and acting together. If a spe-  
cial national assembly is convened it  
undoubtedly will vote for a Republic.  
In that event, Dr. Sen may be chosen  
president. China's future as an in-  
dependent country depends on such  
men as Dr. Sen, Wu Ting Fang and

Premier Yuan Shi Kai, strong, pro-  
gressive leaders, who, entirely in ac-  
cord, seem capable of restoring order  
and reorganizing affairs of government  
to suit the new era that soon will be  
ushered in. The younger generation  
in China, many of whom have been  
educated in this and other countries,  
can be depended on to co-operate in  
firmly establishing the new China.  
Eventually the Manchus will be en-  
tirely replaced and the native Chi-  
nemen will come into their own again.

## OPTIONAL LIABILITY LAW.

Commenting on the optional feature  
of the law recommended by the special  
commission investigating workmen's  
compensation in Michigan, the Grand  
Rapids Herald declares a law such  
as proposed would be as good as a  
compulsory act. It says:

A "compulsory" law is of very ques-  
tionable constitutionality. Indeed, a  
majority of authorities seem to justify  
the expectation that such a law would  
be speedily knocked out in the courts—  
when we would be left for two years  
(until another legislature met) with-  
out any law at all.

As a matter of fact, isn't an "opti-  
onal" law, such as the commission  
has recommended, fully as binding,  
in practice, as a "compulsory" law?

Remember this: If an employer does  
not elect to accept the provisions of  
the "optional" law—that is, if he does  
not accept the burden which the state  
lays in his due—the law takes away  
all of the old familiar defenses which  
have stood between deserving injured  
employees and legitimate compensation  
for years. The employer is foreclosed  
from pleading "assumption" of risk  
by the employee or "act of fellow-  
servant" or "contributory negligence."  
With these defenses taken away, an  
employer would be in mighty precar-  
ious predicament in a court in case  
of a law suit—and every employer  
knows it—and few indeed will be those  
who are not "compelled" to do busi-  
ness under the "optional" law.

This is a subject of great moment.  
Let it be fully and freely discussed.  
The report of the commission offers  
a splendid text. Michigan must soon  
adopt the best law upon this subject  
in the land.

## TAFT AND HIS RECORD.

President Taft is suffering some-  
what in public esteem, because of a  
vague notion that he hasn't done any-  
thing, or if any one thing is remem-  
bered, it is the Payne tariff—a chap-  
ter that readers do not like, one in  
which the hero gets the worst of it,  
and the villain escapes with the pa-  
pers.

Yet the synopsis of previous chap-  
ters would make a great showing for  
Taft. He has been a doing adminis-  
tration. Even an inadequate summary  
shows it to have been thus far a busy  
period, sure of a big place in national  
history.

It begins with a new tariff law. Only  
about one administration in three gets  
Congress to do anything with the tar-  
iff. President Taft did not get all done  
with it that he wanted, but he did  
get one thing of the utmost import-  
ance. He got a non-political tariff  
board. Congress may twist and growl,  
but it will never get away from this  
method of making tariffs. The public  
in the end will force Congress to es-  
tablish a permanent tariff board with  
statutory powers.

President Taft invented and de-  
veloped the corporation tax, which gets  
around the constitutional objections  
to an income tax. It proved a source  
of revenue which saved the treasury.  
Incidentally, the income tax amend-  
ment to the constitution was passed on  
to the states for ratification. But if  
they should never ratify it, the corpo-  
ration tax, which has been approved by  
the Supreme Court, can be made to  
yield more revenue if necessary.

Under President Taft the public got  
increased power for the Interstate  
Commerce Commission and a national  
corrupt practices act. The postal de-  
ficit has been wiped out, and the ex-  
penses of the government have been  
reduced.

In the international field President  
Taft showed his practical efficiency  
by taking a long step toward univer-  
sal peace. His arbitration treaties might  
have been called a dream of American  
strutism, if they had not been accepted  
by such practical powers as Great  
Britain and France.

In domestic affairs President Taft  
has forced to a successful conclusion  
two most momentous lawsuits. If Bryan  
had been president, would he have  
needed any argument for his re-elec-  
tion other than the fact that he had  
forced the Standard Oil company of  
New Jersey to dissolve?

Really the synopsis of previous  
chapters is of startling interest. When  
marshaled in column in a Republican  
platform next June, they will make  
most important and convincing read-  
ing.

## "THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY."

The Duke of Norfolk, the premier  
peer of Great Britain, was born in

## NEWS of the FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

## Citizens' League Officers.

The Italian Citizens' League held its  
annual election Sunday afternoon, re-  
sulting in the election of the follow-  
ing officers:

President—James A. Torrance.

First Vice President—Battiste Maria.

Second Vice President—Victor Car-  
bonatto.

Recording Secretary—Frank Bag-  
giore.

Assistant Secretary—John Aharia.

Financial Secretary—Anton Tomial.

Assistant Financial Secretary—Mar-  
tin Caserio.

Treasurer—Louis Tinetti.

Assistant Treasurer—James Gubrina.

Secretary Naturalization Committee—  
George Vanni.

Inside Guard—S. Nataro.

Outside Guard—James Tobacchi.

Auditing Committee—Battiste Giv-  
ogre and Frank Massaglio.

## St. Aloysius Society Elects.

At a recent meeting of St. Aloysius  
Slovenian Young Men's society offi-  
cers for the ensuing year were elect-  
ed, and other business transacted. This  
society is one of the strongest Slove-  
nian fraternal orders in Michigan. The  
officers elected are as follows:—

President—Anton Gregorich.

Vice President—George Shepar.

Secretary—Joseph Jerman.

Assistant Secretary—John Sterbenz.

Treasurer—Anton Sterk.

Trustees for two years—Frank Ga-  
rich, Mike Sunic, and Peter Pasich.

Trustees for one year—Joseph Saur,  
Peter Markovich, and Mat Malerich.

Member Executive Board—Charles  
Geperich.

Grand Marshal—John Barich.

The society has made arrangements  
to give a New Year's dance in the Ital-  
ian hall next Monday afternoon. The  
affair will start at 2 o'clock, and last  
until midnight. The Laurium orches-  
tra has been engaged to furnish music.

## Trainmen's Annual Ball.

One of the most interesting social  
events of the winter year will be the  
annual grand ball under the auspices  
of Red Jacket Lodge, No. 367 Brother-  
hood of Railroad Trainmen at the Cal-  
umet Light Guard armory on Friday  
evening, Dec. 29. The Calumet and  
Hecla orchestra has been engaged to  
furnish music for the event and an ex-  
cellent program has been prepared, as  
follows:

Two-step—All Aboard.

Waltz—Order 31.

Two-step—Complete.

Waltz—Clearance.

Two-step—O. K.

Waltz—Reg. Place.

Two-step—High Ball.

Waltz—O. S.

Two-step—Around the Y.

Waltz—On Time.

Two-step—Bugs Out.

Waltz—Flag.

Extra No. 1.

Extra No. 2.

Intermission.

Two-step—Midnight Special.

Waltz—Hip Scenarue.

Two-step—T. M.

Waltz—B. R. T.

Two-step—Switchmen's Choice.

Waltz—R. B. Boys.

Two-step—Cross-Over.

Waltz—Meet.

Two-step—Limited.

Waltz—Back Out.

Two-step—Stop.

Waltz—Thumbs Up.

Extra No. 3.

Extra No. 4.

Dennis Harrington will act as  
prompter and a large number of out  
of town trainmen and friends are ex-  
pected to be present.

## Christopher Columbus.

The Christopher Columbus society of  
Calumet at its regular meeting held  
last Sunday elected the following offi-  
cers for the ensuing year:

Captain—Mike Naretto.

Tenant—John Fenoglio.

Asst. Tenant—Antonio Romano.

Treasurer—Carlo Miglio.

Secretary—Louis Tinetti.

Financial secretary—M. Galinatti.

Financial secretary—Bono Cesare.

Asst. Fin. secretary—Mike Vallero.

Finance committee—Martin Caserio  
and Domonick Gallinatti.

Slek committee—Calumet, John Mar-  
ta, Domonick Poluitto, Peter Bracco,  
and Bart Rossetto; Franklin, Peter

Carlton, Terrace, London, December  
27, 1847, and succeeded to the peerage  
on the death of his father in 1869.

His family is the oldest Saxon nobility  
in England and were anciently the  
Herwards. As earl-marshal of Eng-  
land the Duke of Norfolk arranges the  
processions of state on occasions of  
royal coronations and the like cere-  
monies. Although immensely wealthy,  
the Duke is one of the hardest worked  
men in England. He has served faith-  
fully as county councillor of London,  
as mayor of Sheffield and as post-  
master-general of the kingdom. His  
Grace, who is a zealous Roman Catho-  
lic, takes great interest in all matters  
relating to his church. In 1887 he was  
appointed by Queen Victoria as her  
special envoy to attend the jubilee ce-  
lebration of Pope Leo XIII.

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## Hecla Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Hecla Lodge, No. 89, I. O. O. F. will  
on Jan. 28 mark the twenty-seventh  
anniversary of the organization of the  
lodge which was instituted in 1885.

One two or three of the original char-  
ter members who retain their member-  
ship are still alive, although there are  
several members who reside in other  
parts of the country.

The newly elected officers will be in-  
stalled at the regular meeting next  
week. The semi-annual and yearly re-  
ports of the financial secretary and  
treasurer will be heard at the meeting  
this week and applications for mem-  
bership acted upon. Other important  
business will come before the lodge.

## Confer First Degree.

There will be a meeting of Charity  
Lodge, No. 131, Knights of Pythias at  
the Union Building tomorrow evening,  
contrary to the announcement made  
previously. The first degree will be  
conferred. The Pythian Sisters will  
meet during the early part of the even-  
ing and it is expected the business  
will be disposed of before the time  
usually set for the meeting of Charity  
Lodge. The purpose of the meeting this  
week, the time usually designated for  
the meeting of the Pythian Sisters is  
that it is desirable to confer this de-  
gree before the passing of the present  
year.

## Temple of Honor.

The members of Union Temple of  
Honor, No. 48, of Calumet, have ac-  
cepted the invitation to attend the an-  
niversary exercises of Advance Temple  
at Mohawk Saturday evening, Jan. 27.

These anniversary programs which  
have been held by the various temples  
in the country have proved very bene-  
ficial to each and the program being  
conducted by McKinley temple at Tri-  
mountain being the banner entertain-  
ment of this kind, sixteen new mem-  
bers being initiated in one evening.

## Elks Dance Thursday.

One of the series of social parties  
under the auspices of the Calumet  
Lodge of Elks will be held this Thurs-  
day evening at the temple and it is ex-  
pected the occasion will be as largely  
attended as the other events given  
in the past. Music will be furnished  
by a Calumet and Hecla orchestra and  
as special features, where will be pool  
and billiard matches for prizes and  
bowling for the ladies.

## Division No. 2, A. O. H.

At the regular meeting held Sunday,  
the members of Division No. 2 Ancient  
Order of Hibernians elected the follow-  
ing officers for the ensuing year:

President—Dan McCarthy.

Vice president—James Shea.

Recording secretary—Stephen Sulli-  
van.

Financial secretary—Tim Harring-  
ton.

Sergeant at arms—David Sullivan.

## To Install Officers.

The newly elected officers of Calu-  
met Lodge, P. & A. M. and of Calumet  
Chapter, R. A. M. will be installed this  
evening at a session which will be held  
in the Union building. Following the  
installation ceremonies, there will be  
a social session and smoker, which  
it is expected will prove an enjoyable  
gathering.

## Leap Year Party.

Laurium lodge No. 202, Knights of  
Pythias will entertain at a Leap Year  
party at the Laurium town hall New  
Years night. Elaborate preparations  
have been made to make this event a  
successful one. Good music has been  
secured and an excellent program of  
dance numbers arranged.

## Giuseppe Giusti Society.

The following officers were elected at  
the last regular meeting of the Giusep-  
pi Giusti society, held Sunday:

President—Orlando Barsanti.

Vice president—Frederic Cehil.

Secretary—Gessero Zel.

Treasurer—N. R. Bianchi.

## Knights of Columbus.

Arrangements are being made for a  
social session to be conducted by Calu-  
met Council, Knights of Columbus on  
Wednesday, Jan. 3, and it is expected  
Hancock will send a large delegation  
of its members to attend.

## "THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

1831—Roger L. Taney of Maryland  
became Attorney-General of the United  
States.

1834—Charles Lamb, the famous hu-  
morist and poet, died. Born in Lon-  
don in 1775.

1862—Gen. Sherman's army landed  
near Chickasaw Bayou in preparation  
for the attack on Vicksburg.

1867—First meeting of the Ontario  
legislature.

1870—The new Chamber of Com-  
merce was opened in Philadelphia.

1886—The Temple Theater in Phila-  
delphia, destroyed by fire.

1905—Ramon Caceres installed as  
president of San Domingo.

1908—President Roosevelt invited  
Canada and Mexico to join in the  
movement for the conservation of re-  
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ABORIGINAL RELICS  
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BUREAU OF AMERICAN ETHNO-  
LOGY IS COMPILING STATISTICS  
ON INDIAN ARCHEOLOG-  
ICAL REMAINS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The bu-  
reau of American ethnology is prepar-  
ing a new work which will form a  
handbook of aboriginal remains in the  
United States, and will have to do with  
the ancient abodes, camps, mounds,  
workshops, quarries, burial places, etc.,  
of the Indian tribes.

In connection with this work E. W.  
Hodge, ethnologist in charge of the  
bureau of American ethnology is send-  
ing letters of inquiry to all persons  
thought to have any knowledge of the  
subject of this undertaking, as well  
as to all institutions and societies in-  
terested in American archeology and  
ethnology. The letter requests all in-  
formation respecting the location,  
character, and history of the remains  
left by the Indians, or other indica-  
tions of their former occupancy.

Many replies have been received and  
much new information has been gath-  
ered, but owing to the extent of the  
inquiry some time will elapse before  
a complete list of references can be ob